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TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MY, CB

SUBJ: GKR STATEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: (A) KUALA LUMPUR 3336

(B) KUALA LUMPUR 3254

(C) PHNOM PENH 9131

(D) STATE 149536

1. I AM DISMAYED BY WHAT APPEARS TO ME TO BE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF GKR EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR TOWARD GKR'S NEW OFFER OF UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THEIR MISUNDERSTANDING OF SOURCE OF THEIR INSTRUCTIONS. REF. B REPORTS THAT CAMBODIAN COUNSELOR, WHEN HE WAS GIVEN TEXT OF GKR DECLARATION, SEEMED SHOCKED BY NEWS OF OFFER, WHICH HE INTERPRETED AS SIGN OF GKR'S WEAKNESS. VAR MUST HAVE REACTED BEFORE READING THE GKR DECLARATION SINCE LATTER TEXT CLEARLY EXPLAINED THE IMPROVED MILITARY SITUATION AND INDICATED THAT OFFER WAS BEING MADE FROM STRENGTH RATHER THAN WEAKNESS.

2. I NOW NOTE (REF: A) THAT AMBASSADOR NONG KIMNY
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IS UNHAPPY THAT HE DID NOT RECEIVE THE TEXT OF

INSTRUCTIONS FROM PHNOM PENH THROUGH KHMER CHANNELS AND HAD TO LEARN OF GKR ACTION FROM USG. BELIEVE IT WOULD HELP SMOOTH HIS RUFFLED FEATHERS IF AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR WOULD EXPLAIN FULLY PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF. C, WHICH POINTS OUT THAT USG IS MERELY LENDING COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES BUT THAT INSTRUCTION TO KHMER MISSIONS WAS EXCLUSIVELY GKR INITIATIVE. IN VIEW OF TIME LIMITATIONS AND THE URGENCY OF GETTING THE TEXT OF THE GKR DECLARATION TO ITS DESTINATIONS (15 ADDRESSEES OF THE ENGLISH TEXT AND 13 ADDRESSEES OF THE FRENCH TEXT), GKR ASKED TO USE AMERICAN EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.

3. PERHAPS EMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR SHOULD IN FIRST INSTANCE GIVE DIA ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT KHMER MILITARY SITUATION (REF. D) TO THEIR KHMER COLLEAGUES IN KUALA LUMPUR SINCE THEY SEEM TO NEED IT AS MUCH AS, IF NOT MORE THAN, HOST GOVERNMENT.
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